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1. A method by which photographic images taken by and stored in a digital camera are downloaded to a computer at which the photographic images are located for viewing, said method comprising the steps of:

annotating said photographic images by assigning markers to identify different sets of

5 said images according to subject;

downloading said images from the digital camera to the computer;

assigning labels to each of the different sets of images corresponding with the markers assigned thereto;

locating said set of images in respective image folders according to said labels; and

10 accessing and viewing a particular set of images located in a particular one of said image folders.

2. The method recited in Claim 1, wherein said digital camera includes a mass media storage device adapted to store sound data and the photographic images taken by the camera to be downloaded to the computer, said method comprising the additional step of annotating said photographic images by means of sound markers spoken into and stored by the mass media
5 storage device.

3. The method recited in Claim 1, wherein the digital camera includes a mass media storage device adapted to store the photographic images taken by the camera to be downloaded to the computer, said method comprising the additional step of annotating said photographic images by means of flat image markers shot by the camera and stored by the mass media storage device.

4. The method recited in Claim 1, wherein the digital camera includes a mass media storage device adapted to store the photographic images taken by the camera, said method comprising the additional step of annotating said photographic images by means of locked image markers stored by the mass media storage device.

5. The method recited in Claim 1, including the additional step of locating information in at least one additional group of folders corresponding to events or topics associated with the different sets of said photographic images, and accessing and viewing the particular set of image located in a particular one of said image folders depending upon the information located within a
5 particular folder of said additional group of folders.

6. The method recited in Claim 5, including the additional steps of merging said image folders into said additional group of folders, transferring said merged folders to a computer server folder, and accessing and viewing the particular set of said images at said server folder.

7. The method recited in Claim 6, including the additional step of copying the photographic images taken by the camera to create high resolution and low resolution images, downloading the low resolution images to the computer to create said image folders, and accessing and viewing a particular set of said low resolution images located in a particular one of said image folders.

8. The method recited in Claim 7, including the additional step of storing said high resolution photographic images in a high resolution storage and transmitting said high resolution images from said storage to a photo lab for processing.

9. The method recited in Claim 1, including the additional step of displaying the particular set of images being accessed and viewed as a slide show.
10. The method recited in Claim 9, including the additional step of displaying an offer to enable one or more of the images from the particular set of images at said slide show to be acquired.
11. The method recited in Claim 10, including the additional step of displaying an order form to be completed by which to enable one or more of the images from the particular set of images at said slide show to be acquired.
12. The method recited in Claim 11, including the additional step of initiating a timer by which to limit the time available during which to complete said order form.
13. The method recited in Claim 11, including the additional steps of viewing and editing the order form, and marking the order form as being edited.
14. The method recited in Claim 11, including the additional steps of e-mailing a reminder concerning the order form, and marking the order form to indicate an e-mail reminder.
15. The method recited in Claim 14, including the additional steps of making a shipping label from information listed in the order form and using the shipping label to mail the order.

16. A method by which photographic images taken by and stored in a digital camera are downloaded to a computer at which the photographic images are located for viewing, said method comprising the steps of:

annotating said photographic images by assigning markers to identify different sets of

5 said images according to a subject associated with the photographic images taken by the camera;

copying the photographic images taken by the camera into high resolution images and low resolution images;

transferring said high resolution images to a high resolution storage folder for processing;

10 creating subtopic folders in the computer corresponding to events associated with the photographic images taken by the camera;

downloading said low resolution images to image folders of the computer;

assigning labels to each of the different sets of low resolution images corresponding to the markers assigned thereto and locating the different sets of low resolution images in respective image folders according to said labels;

15 merging said image folders with said subtopic folders and transferring said image and subtopic folders to a computer server folder;

accessing, viewing and placing an order for a particular set of low resolution images in a particular one of the image folders located at said computer server folder; and

20 filling the order for the set of low resolution images from the high resolution images at said high resolution storage folder.

17. The method recited in Claim 16, wherein said digital camera includes a mass media storage device adapted to store sound data and the photographic images taken by the camera, said

method comprising the additional step of annotating said photographic images by means of sound markers spoken into and stored in the mass media storage device.

18. The method recited in Claim 16, wherein said digital camera includes a mass media storage device adapted to store the photographic images taken by the camera, said method comprising the additional step of annotating the photographic images by means of flat image markers shot by the camera and stored by the mass media storage device.

19. The method recited in Claim 16, wherein said digital camera includes a mass media storage device adapted to store the photographic images taken by the camera, said method comprising the additional step of annotating said photographic images by means of locked image markers stored by the mass media storage device.

20. The method recited in Claim 16, including the additional steps of displaying an order form by which to enable said order to be placed for the particular set of low resolution images in the particular one of the image folders, and initiating a timer by which to limit the time available during which to complete the order form.